

PATENT Case Docket No.: 52029

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yoshitaka AOYAMA, et al. : Group Art Unit: 3742

Serial No.: 10/587,540 : Examiner: Brian W. JENNISON

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For: WELDING SYSTEM :

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final office action of August 3, 2009, the due date for response being extended to Thursday, December 3, 2009, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amendment drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.